

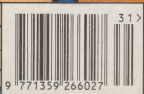
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It's the festive season in Metropolis and the shopping rush is on. But things are not looking good. People are fighting in the streets over the latest popular toy, "Huggable Emu". When **Superman** investigates to find out what's behind all the commotion, he comes across an old enemy. Who is it and what are his motives? Find out in the story *Huggable Emu*.

Batman is puzzled in *Poles Apart*. Someone is using freezing devices that are in the style of Mr. Freeze. But the cold-hearted villain is locked away in Arkham Asylum. The World's Greatest Detective puts his skills to work as someone tries to turn Gotham City into a winter wonderland—forever. The mystery villain will be revealed when you read this intriguing story!

As a **great extra**, we've got a **BATMAN AND SUPERMAN 1998 CALENDAR** at the centre of this month's issue to guide you through the coming year. With all the stories and lots of activities, there's plenty to keep you busy over the holidays!

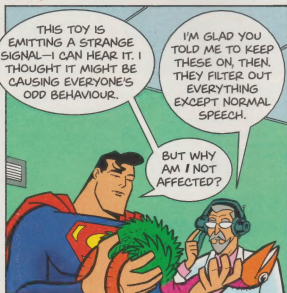
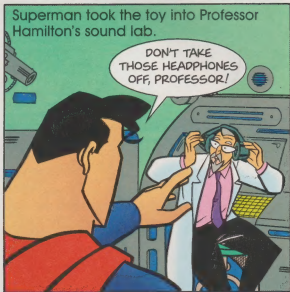
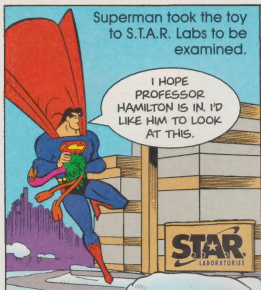
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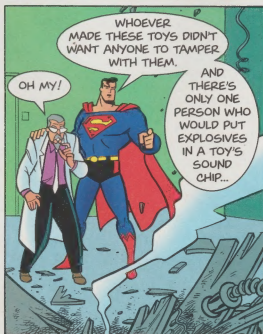


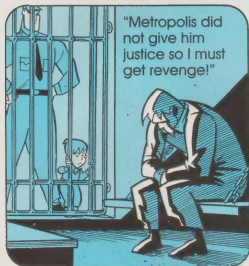
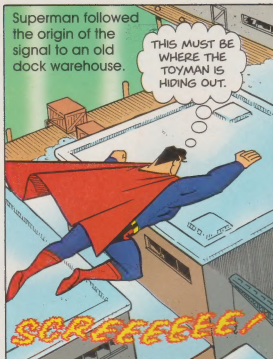
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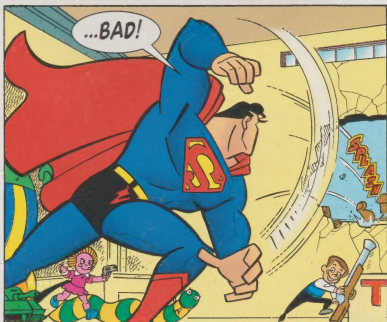
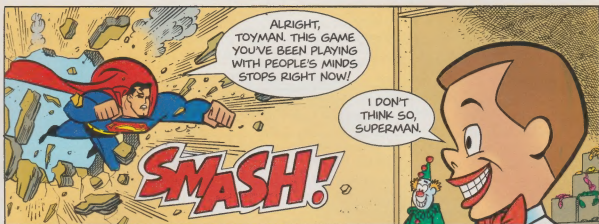


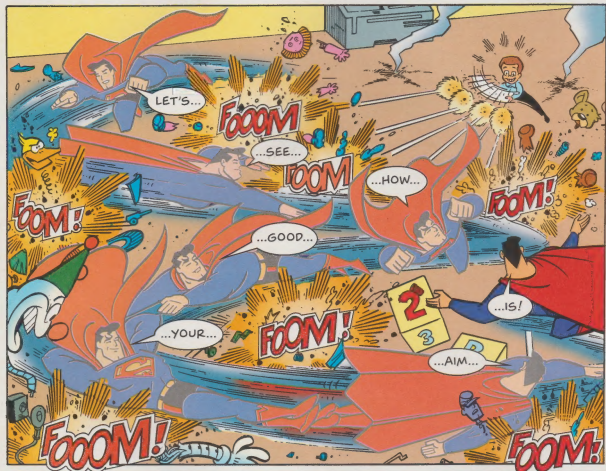
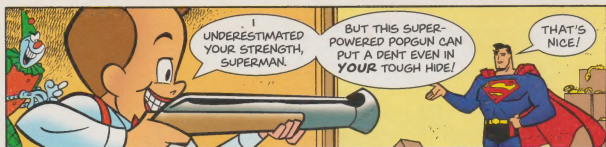


Superman could hear the pulse of the signal change and increase rapidly, then—

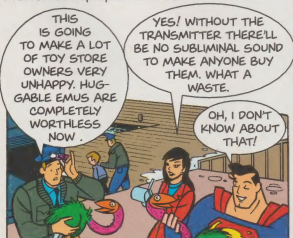








Later, the police and Lois Lane of the Daily Planet newspaper arrived.



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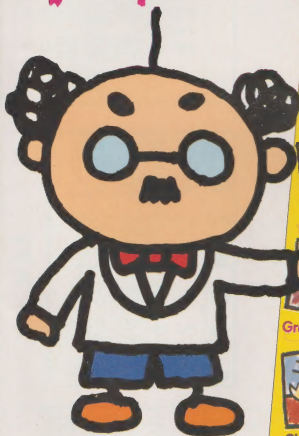
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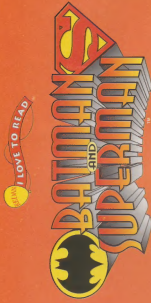
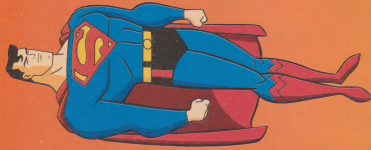


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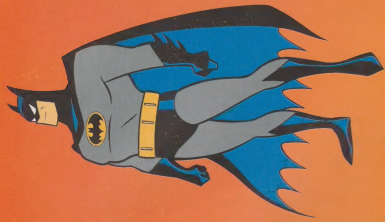
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JUNE

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BATMAN AND SUPERMAN

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WORDSEARCH

All of the words listed below are hidden in this wordsearch, and come from the story *Huggable Emu*. Cross them off the lists when you have found them.



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CRACK THE CODE

How good are you at cracking codes? Fill in the empty squares below so that each line and column adds up to the numbers shown. Then, using the key below, translate the shaded numbers into letters and unscramble them to spell the name of someone you wouldn't want to play with!

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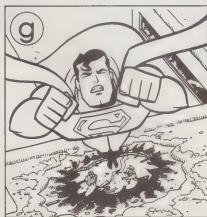
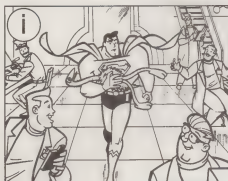
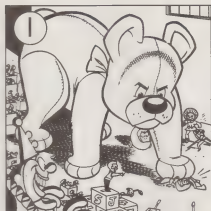
HIDDEN WARNING!

Hidden in the grid of letters below is a warning about the dangerous emu toys from the story *Huggable Emu*. Shade all the boxes with the letters in **HUG** — as in **huggable** — to reveal the hidden message.



ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order (1-6)** and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.

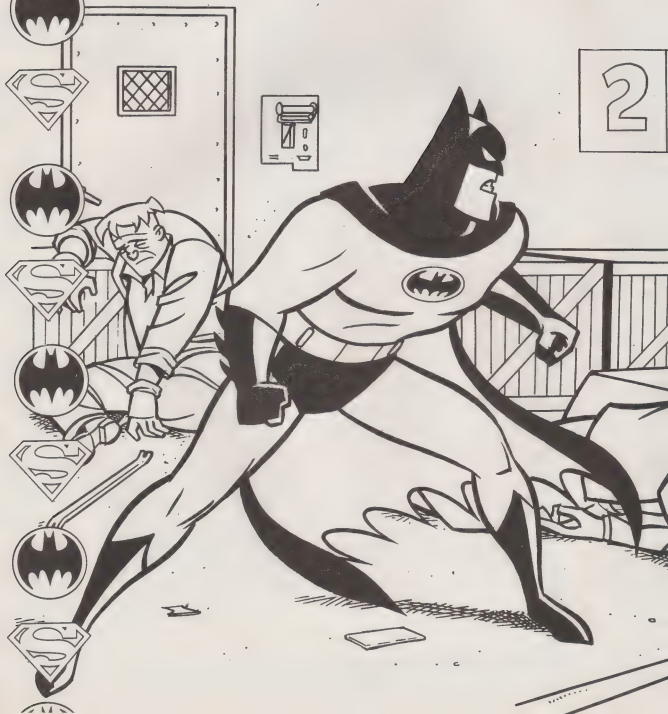


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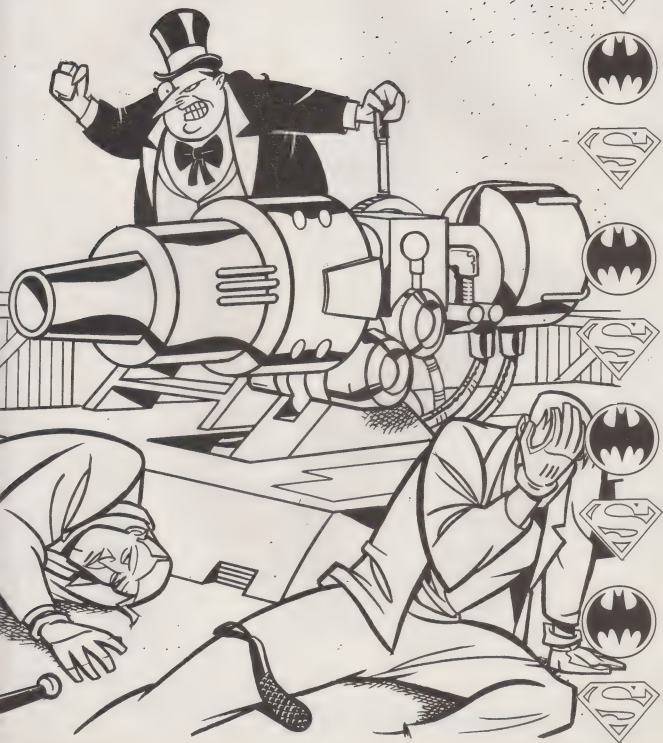
DOT TO DOT



Colour in this picture of Batman and the Penguin.



RING



FREEZY WORDS

All the answers to the clues below have double E (ee) somewhere in them as in the word **FREEZE**. See how many you can solve and write the answers in the spaces provided.



1. Tall plant with trunk made of wood : ____ EE
2. Sugar tastes like this : ____ EE ____
3. The opposite of shallow : ____ EE ____
4. The wife of a king : ____ EE ____
5. Yellow and blue make this colour : ____ EE ____
6. A food made from milk : ____ EE ____
7. When you don't have to pay for something it's : ____ EE
8. A state of rest with the mind unconscious : ____ EE ____
9. The arm of a jacket : ____ EE ____
10. Black and yellow insect : ____ EE
11. The joint in the centre of the leg : ____ EE
12. To not let something go : ____ EE ____
13. To have to have something : ____ EE ____
14. Eyes do this : ____ EE
15. A type of tree : ____ EE ____

PENGUIN SILHOUETTES

Look at the lazy penguins at the bottom of this page! Only one of the shadows reflects the lazy penguins exactly. Can you find which one it is?



FIT THEM IN

Mr. Freeze loves the cold. All the words in the boxes below have something to do with the cold. See if you can fit them into the grid of squares correctly. When you have finished, unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to reveal another cold word! Some letters have been put in to help you start.

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icy

2 LETTERS

iceburg
glacier

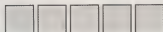
4 LETTERS

snow
cold

6 LETTERS

icicle
frozen
arctic
chilly

The letters spell:



FIND THE FACT

Solve the nine clues and fit the answers into the grid below. If you solve all the clues correctly, by cross-referencing the letters at the top of the grid with the numbers down the side, you will find corresponding letters (e.g. B4=r and D5=g). Put the correct letters in the boxes at the bottom of the page to reveal an interesting fact. All the words come from the story *Poles Apart*.

1. The Penguin wanted his own ----- of ice!
2. Park where animals are kept.
3. Slang for someone who copies.
4. Area around the North Pole.
5. Flightless black and white birds.
6. The top of a building.
7. The control that turns a light on or off.
8. There are 24 in a day.
9. Material used in making road surfaces.



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ANSWERS



WORDSEARCH

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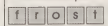
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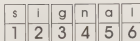
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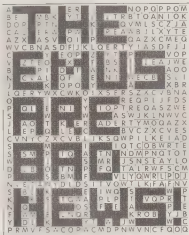
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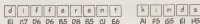
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PENGUIN SILHOUETTES

4 is the correct silhouette

FIND THE FACT



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POLES APART

It was cold up on the roof of Robertson's Cryo-Services in West Gotham, but Batman had a feeling it was about to get colder. He'd been staked out there for an hour in the biting night wind. But his suit was thermally lined, and he flexed his joints to keep limber. Using his night-vision lenses, he scanned the area around the factory. He was sure the thieves would strike here, and soon!

In the space of three nights, there had been eight carefully planned raids on industrial sites across the city. A well-trained gang of thieves had broken into several locations across the city and stolen expensive technical equipment, almost as if they were working from a 'shopping list'. In the Batcave, Batman had carefully

examined a list of the items taken and concluded that they were all possible parts of some large scale freezing device. If he was right, it meant the devices made here in Robertson's Cryo-Services would be the next things on the list to be stolen.

As if on cue, the gang arrived. Batman could make out their figures moving across the tarmac, cutting through the chain link fence—six big men in armoured suits, all of them carrying weapons.

It was time to act. Batman swooped down out of the night, his first attack sending two of the men sprawling. A third raised his weapon to strike, and Batman dived hard left to dodge the sweep of bullets.

But no bullets came. Instead, a



terrible hammer blow of cold air hit the Dark Knight, smashing him back into the fence.

By the time he had struggled to his feet the gang had finished their raid and disappeared.

Batman was amazed. He'd been hit with something that had the freezing force of one of Mr. Freeze's ice guns. But that was impossible! Mr. Freeze was in Arkham Asylum—Batman had put him there himself!

Arkham Asylum For the Criminally Insane was a grim, gothic silhouette in the night as the Batmobile roared through its gates under the high walls. It was here that criminal evil and murderous insanity were locked up away from the outside world.

White coated orderlies and doctors awaited the towering caped figure as he strode in through the main doors. Batman had radioed his request ahead and everything was prepared. Silently, he was led to a secure, frozen cell at the heart of the building. There the pale, cold-hearted criminal sat, in a straight jacket. He was waiting.

Mr. Freeze.

Wordlessly, Batman held up the list of stolen items in front of Freeze's face. The villain read it with slow contempt.

"Are you choosing me a Christmas gift?" he sneered.

"I think someone's shopping on your behalf. All these items have been stolen in the last three nights. Who have you got out there working for you?"

Freeze managed a chilly smile. "You're wasting your time. I don't know anything about it."

Batman leaned forwards and stared directly into Freeze's face.



Whatever Freeze saw in the Dark Knight's eyes, he didn't like and he glanced hurriedly aside.

"I mean it, Batman!" he snapped, "I know nothing!"

"But the items on the list are the tools of your trade."

"Then someone's following in my footsteps. Someone who wishes to finish my work." Freeze recovered his grin for a moment. "I'm very flattered, to tell you the truth. Gotham will look so lovely when it's turned into an arctic wasteland, don't you think? I really do wish I had a hand in it."

Batman turned away. There was nothing left to say.

He strode out of the asylum and into the night.

The Batmobile screeched to a halt in the parking bay of the Batcave and the World's Greatest Detective leaped out. He knew he had a very short time in which to revise his tactics. Was this the work of a copycat, someone bent on duplicating one of Mr. Freeze's icy schemes? Or was Freeze somehow in league with a criminal on the outside?

As he pondered the problem, he was disturbed by an alert. The Batcomputer was registering a robbery elsewhere in the city—at the Gotham Zoo.

The skylight shattered, and Batman dropped in on the unsuspecting gang,

flattening two thugs as he landed. Then he launched a lightning attack that left only the leader of the gang standing—the Penguin!

The Penguin backed away towards a huge machine that his men had been assembling from the devices they had stolen. He squawked with rage and alarm.

"How did you know where to find me?"

Batman prowled forward. "When the alarm went off at the Gotham Zoo, I arrived in time to follow your gang back to your lair. Who else would steal the zoo's penguins? Games up—whatever your game is!"

The Penguin had a wary hand on



the controls of the huge cryogenic machine. "Not a step closer, Batman, or I throw the switch. When I was in jail, I was next door to Mr. Freeze. He showed me how to build a freeze weapon. Now I'm going to turn the whole of Gotham into an arctic wasteland and rule it as Emperor. And my beloved penguins will be my royal court in my kingdom of ice!"

Batman knew Penguin would be able to throw the switch before he reached him. The fate of Gotham City rested in the balance. He thought carefully and said, "You don't believe Freeze would have told you everything, do you?"

"What?" stammered the Penguin.

"You honestly believe a villain like Freeze would have shared all his secrets with you? Would **you**? You can bet he's playing with you. If I know Freeze, that machine will explode when you throw the switch instead of freezing the city. Freeze will have the last laugh! He's using you to do his dirty work!"

The Penguin hesitated. Batman's words seemed to make sense.

The hesitation was all Batman needed. His Batarang whirled, shattering the main circuits of the device. Sparks crackled around the broken controls, but the enraged Penguin threw the switch anyway, and was knocked off his feet as the device

exploded. Fearlessly, Batman got the dazed Penguin and his goons to safety as the place burned.

From a distance, on another lonely rooftop, Batman gazed at the blazing building and watched as the police loaded the handcuffed Penguin and his dazed goons into armoured trucks.

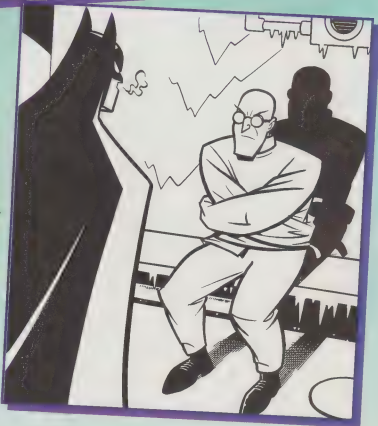
From this distance, the Dark Knight could feel the heat of the fire, so welcome after the night's cold threat. Now the villain's frozen kingdom would never happen, and Penguin was sent back to jail. Batman was satisfied—it wasn't often he beat Mr. Freeze and the Penguin on the same night.

THE END



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 8 differences between these two pictures of Batman visiting Mr. Freeze in his cell at Arkharm Asylum?



Answers: 1. The two icicles just above Freeze's head. 2. The shadow of one of the straight jacket straps. 3. The bottom right part of Mr. Freeze's straight jacket. 4. The floor grating. 5. Freeze's straight jacket. 6. Part of Batman's cape. 7. The pipe beneath Mr. Freeze. 8. The highlight on Mr. Freeze's boot.

THE TOYMAN™

VILLAIN FILES

**Other Identity:**

Winslow Schott, Jr.

Occupation:

Criminal

Known Relatives:

Winslow Schott, Sr. (father, deceased)

Base of Operations:

Metropolis

Height: 4' 8"**Weight:** 59 kilos**Eyes:** Black (mask)**Hair:** Brown (mask)**Psychological profile:**

After his father, an innocent toy maker, was put in jail for a crime he didn't commit, Winslow Schott, Jr. decided to take revenge as the Toyman. Donning a mask that makes him look like a giant doll, Winslow turned his love for toys around and used his father's factory to manufacture toys with a deadly twist. He creates toy soldiers with real guns, model planes that can really fly and drop real bombs, plus many more—as many as his twisted mind can imagine. Since Superman continues to foil his schemes for revenge, the Toyman has turned his attention to destroying the Man of Steel.

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